

*Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
News and Notes for May 2014
Saturday, September 13th, 2014
Board Meeting starts at 6:30p
Membership Meeting starts at 7p
Family Baptist Church, Saginaw
Guest Speaker: Russ Vernon*

There will NOT be a raffle at the meeting since Russ is bringing plants to sell.

*<http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org/>

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Officers and Board of Directors

Linda Sule _____ Past President (2013-14)
Tim Hueston _____ President (2013-14)
OPEN _____ Vice President
Edith Sommers _____ Treasurer (2014-15)
Jim Lile _____ Secretary (2014-15)
Marilyn Whittaker (2014-16), Joyce Potoff (2014-16), Rollie
Wilson (2012-14), Amy Motter (2012-14), Helmut Schick
(2013-15), Sally Heinlein (2013-15)

Treasurer's Report

As of September, 2014, our account balance is \$4,561.
Membership = 38

Secretary's Report

May 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

- Orchid Workshop will be postponed until October.
- Advertising, sponsors coordinator for the show. There was a suggestion for a separate June (Wednesday the 11th) board meeting to discuss show issues. Local flower shops, Dow Gardens, Andersen Enrichment Center, et cetera.

May 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes

- voted and approved the treasurer's report
- voted and approved the secretary's report
- The Board will have a special meeting in June. Lori has been in contact with a CMU professor regarding marketing and promotion of our November show. Bob Schust shared some ideas he used for an event he coordinated.
- Jack Shumaker is in charge of the NMOS show.
- The Orchid Workshop is postponed until October.
- Jack mentioned Orchiata potting mix with a price list.
- Graham Wood, owner of Lehua Orchids, talked to the group about Paphiopedilum (The Lady Slipper) orchids. Mottled-leaf Paphs (Maudiae type) have a large dorsal leaf, small petals, and a medium-sized pouch. Graham discussed the mystery of cross-breeding different Paphs and what the results might be.

President's report

Hello to all. Hopefully everyone has had a great summer. Jack has some excellent speakers on the docket for us, so hope you will all make attending the membership meetings a "must" on your to-do lists! And for those who were unable to attend the picnic in August, the big meeting news is that we're changing the format a bit. Since we're now having the officers' meetings separate from the membership meetings,

we're going to use the half hour from 6:30 to 7 for an open Q&A (and perhaps we'll mix in some brief "how-to" sessions later), so bring your questions and we'll do our collective best to answer them. Also, we're going to move the speaker to the 7 PM time slot, so the new general meeting agenda will look like this:
6:30: Q&A
7:00: Speaker/Program
8:00: Break (snacks, opportunity to buy plants from the speaker if applicable, last chance to buy raffle tickets if speaker is not selling plants, etc.)
8:15 (probably 8:30 if the speaker is selling): Short business meeting
8:30 (or 8:45): Show and tell
8:45: Raffle (no raffle if the speaker is selling)
9:00: Adjourn

Now knowing us, adjournment will likely push 9:30 most meetings, so plan on a little extra time for one item or another along the way!

I believe the speaker (Russ Vernon from New Vision Orchids) is bringing plants to sell, so there will be no raffle this month.

Hope to see everyone on Saturday.

Upcoming SVOS Events

- All meetings are at the church on the second Saturday of January, March, May, September, and November unless otherwise noted.
- September 13th: Board of Directors and Membership
- October 18th: Okemos program – joint meeting between all six orchid societies in Michigan (see below).
- November 8th: Board of Directors and Membership
- November 29-30th: SVOS Show and Sale

Show Reports

- Correction to MOS report: Marilyn Whitaker provided the report for this show.
- NMOS Show: Jack Shumaker set up a 50 square foot display: This year's show was a good one and we had great weather. There were three vendors: Natt's, Porter's, and New Vision. SVOS did very well. I want to give a huge thanks to Amy and Gregg Motter for their great help on Friday night for setup. Win the three of us setting up round tables, covering everything in black cloth, and then mopping. We were done before most of the other exhibitors started. Of course, there

was the paperwork, but most of that was done before we started setting up. We got a first place on the exhibit and the following members helped greatly by sending great plants: Paul Bouleau, Sally Heinlein, Carol Jurek, Linda Sule, Marilyn Whittaker, and myself. We had 82% of the plants in the exhibit get ribbons – 28 ribbons total (12 first place, 8 second place, and 9 thirds) plus the display ribbon. Sally had two plants pulled for AOS judging and received an Award of Merit on Phrag. (Praying Mantis x Silver Eagle). Now Sally has to have it named – congratulations, Sally. This is a great plant and a tall one. It just made it in the back of my car.

The judges awarded three plants out of 8 pulled. Dot Barnett, from GLOS, received an FCC on a first bloom seedling of Paph. Prince Edward of York. That is something you do not see every day. Congratulations to her as well.

- The SVOS picnic Sunday, August 17th was a success. We netted \$375 with plant & supply sales. 18 people participated in the auction. Thank you Marilyn for hosting!

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- October 18th, 5pm, a special meeting featuring Norito Hasegawa, owner of Paphanatics (Orange, California). This meeting is being co-hosted by SVOS, AAOS GLOS, MOS, Dune/Kalamazoo, GVOS, and NMOS. Norito will be speaking on “Multifloral Paphs and their Breeding”. He will have plants for sale. The meeting will be at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road in Okemos. We are in the process of coordinating a car pool. For more information, call (810.265.8117) or email (jcobbler58@aol.com) Jack Shumaker or visit his website: michiganorchidspeakers.com.

Refreshment Volunteers

- September:

- November:

Other Bits

- Call for sponsorships for trophies, potluck, clerking, and other activities related to the show. Anyone willing to approach local florists for show sponsorship is appreciated. This will be a point of discussion at the September membership meeting.

- Call for nominations: elections for two board positions, president, and vice president will be held at our November meeting. Nominations are needed for these four important leadership roles.

- At the board meeting on Friday, August 15th, we decided to add a 6th vendor to our show: Suphatta's Clay Flowers. Her e-mail is joy@joyclay.com and her web site is <http://joyclay.com>. She will be selling items that none of the other vendors do.

- The society has some orchid-related supplies for sale: fertilizer, bark, et cetera. Please contact one of the officers for details.

- Thank you to those who brought food to the March meeting.

- Additional volunteers are welcome to help set up any or all of the upcoming show displays. Consider offering your artistic eye to this important task. Experience or expertise is not required. Participation is appreciated.

- If you are not receiving notices of the study group meetings in even months, please contact Carol Jurek at 642-5351 or tfjurek@frontier.com.

- Visit Jack Shumaker's website:

www.michiganorchidspeakers.com for SVOS and other society orchid speaker events.

- If you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter and would prefer an electronic copy, please contact the SVOS secretary at boilerjimlile@gmail.com to add your name to the email list.

Save a stamp.

WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

- Joyce Potoff

- West Cloyd

- David Meyers

- Mary Liss

- Barb Leo

- Lynn Johnson

- Silvia Evans

- Susan Shinkel

- Suellyn Bielski

- Stacey Shinkel

- Janice Knop

- Michael Starch

- Linda Veresh

- Jeff Schrier

- Bud & Janet Stevens

- Jean Rose

- Judy Zwerk

- Marie Ann Brissette

- Linda Brown

- Bev & Doug Winger

- Sam and Connie Maisano

- Bob Schust

- Karen Newberg